

**February 4, 2005**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A local/state public hearing was held at the Bell County Support Complex on February 3, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Bell County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 8-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were seven individuals in attendance. L. Rodney Bennett, Division of Facilities Management, served as the state-appointed hearing officer. Mr. George Thompson, Superintendent; Jeff Saylor, Principal; a local board of education representative; a member of the Local Planning Committee; members of the local media; a teacher and district administrator were present.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Saylor called the public hearing to order and welcomed those in attendance. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan. It calls for priority projects to include major renovation and additions to the Bell County High School, KETS data wiring upgrades, construction of a new Bus Garage and major renovation of the central office. The following priorities exist under Discretionary Projects: land acquisitions, construction, and renovation to athletic facilities and complexes.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No comments were noted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Bell County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Bell County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Bell County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Rodney Bennett, Hearing Officer

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director